(bj Data on employment and un-emplement is available from the labo !i torce sample surveys conducted the National Sample Survey
Organisation.

**Increase in the quota of rationed items to West Bengal**

205- SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will liie" Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL S! PPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to incress the quota of rationed items to We: • Bengal owing to acute short age an; increasing prices during the
Puja F< ti\: i; and

(b) i! ', the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND
CIVIL S'. J I'PLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN V ! ( L ) : (a) and (b) The allocatio i rice, wheat, sugar and edible Oil fixed for West Bengal for the momhAugust and September, 1990 is; fee lows: —

(Figuies in M. Tonnes}

| Commod | August | Septembe r |
|---|---|---|
| Rice | 74, 000 | 84, 000 |
| Wheat | 90, GCC | 9C. CC0 |
| Levy Sugai | 25, 888 | 25, 888 |
| Imported in C00 | 10, | 10, 000 |

An incre allocation of 10 thou sand tonnes f rice was made to West Bengal for tin- nonth of September. 1990 to *m*he additional demand on account I'uj'a Festival. In case of sugar, a uatitity of 3898 tonnes each for th< months of September & October, 199 ha been released as Festival quo'. For imported edible oils, the moi allocation of West Bengal durir August and September, 1990 is i. tonnes each which is an increa • of 4000 tonnes over the July alloc I1 ion

**Decline in Returns from Wheat Cultivation**

2051. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent study undertaken by the Punjab, Haryana and Delhi Chambers of Commerce and Industry has revealed that returns per hectare from wheat cultivation declined sharply;

(b) if so, the reasons put forward for decline in wheat yield per hectare; and

' (c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Study does not speak of decline in yield per hectare. The yield of wheat has registered significant Increases during the seventies and eighties. In order to further improve productivity Special Food-grains Production Programme supplementing the efforts of the State Governments and Minikit Programme of Wheat aimed at enlarging coverage of area under location specific high yielding varieties and adoption of improved wheat production technology in Punjab, Haryana and Delhi are being implemented.

**Printed prices on packed items**

2052. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL-SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices printed on the packed itmes are too far excessive and there is no relation between ths cost of She product and the price; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to review the matter and to fix the margins of profit of the manufacturers, wholesalers and retailer to check the rise in prices?